



HOUSING RESOURCES IN LOUISIANA

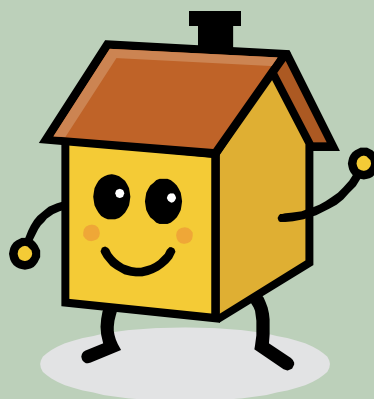
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MY PLACE LOUISIANA

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HOUSING TRANSITION ASSISTANCE FORM



MY PLACE LOUISIANA HOUSING

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE FORM

Client Name _____	Estimated Date of Discharge _____
Nursing Facility _____	Contact Name _____
Address _____	Phone _____
_____	Fax _____

Accessibility Requirements: (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheelchair	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Steps
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	Few Steps
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grab Bars and Handrails	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Describe)

Location	1) _____	Gross Income*	_____
Preferences	2) _____	Income Source**	_____
	3) _____	# of Household Members	_____
	4) _____	Bedroom Size	_____

* Write in the approximate amount of client's gross annual income (before taxes) from all sources.

**Sources include wages, SS, SSI, welfare, unemployment, monetary contributions from family members, inc.

Household Members (Provide this information if client is seeking subsidized housing)				
Please list all members that will be living in unit	Relationship to Head	Age	Sex	Income

TYPES OF HOUSING SOURCES

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- **Housing Authorities**
 - Tenant-Based Housing Choice Vouchers
 - Public Housing Units
- **Private Owners of Rental Properties**
 - Project-Based Section 8
 - Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Properties (LIHTC)
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- **LAHousingSearch**
- **Open Market**

TENANT BASED VOUCHERS VS. PROJECT BASED VOUCHERS

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TENANT BASED VOUCHER

- Rental assistance is not tied to unit
- Voucher is portable after one year
- Provides more flexibility in housing choices as long as landlord is willing to participate on the program
- Resident may lease single family unit (house) or multi-family unit (apartment)

PROJECT BASED VOUCHERS

- Rental assistance is tied to unit
- Rental assistance is not portable. If resident decides to relocate, the rental assistance terminates.
- Mult-family housing complex (apartment)

LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT (LIHTC) UNIT VS. PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) UNIT

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LIHTC UNIT

- Unit is not subsidized, but the rent is below market rent or conventional rents
- Resident must meet tax credit income requirements (low to moderate income families)
- 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI)

PSH UNIT

- Unit is not subsidized, but the rent is below market rent
- Resident must meet tax credit income requirements (extremely low income limits)
- Resident must be elderly and/or disabled and in need of support services
- Units are only available in GO Zone

GULF OPPORTUNITY ZONE (GO ZONE)

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- The GO Zone covers the following parishes:

Acadia, Ascension, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana.

OPEN MARKET SOURCES

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- Classified Section of the newspaper
- Apartment Guides located in retail stores
- Yellow Pages
- Online Services

LAHousingSearch.org



- Housing Tool for Prospective Tenants
- Free Service to be used by anyone searching for housing
- Sponsored by:
 - Department of Health and Hospitals
 - Louisiana Housing Finance Agency
 - Louisiana Recovery Authority
 - Louisiana Disaster Recovery Unit
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
 - The Road Home

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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- **Income Limits (FY 2009)**

- Orleans Parish
- Median Income: \$59,800

Other parishes:

HUD's Website: <http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il/ilo9/index.html>

- **Criminal Record Report**

New Orleans Police Department
Records Division
715 S. Broad Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70119

Other parishes:

Contact the local Housing Authority to find out location for obtaining criminal record report

- **U.S. Citizenship**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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- **Information about the family**
 - Birth Certificates, Custody Agreements, Adoption Papers (everyone)
 - Social Security Cards for all household members over the age of 6
 - Proof of Income (all household income)
 - Picture I.D. (anyone 18 years or older)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CONTD.

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- **Information about household income and assets**
 - Employment Income (5 to 6 check stubs, consecutive)
 - Social Security/Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Welfare (AFDC/TANF)
 - Veteran Income
 - Pension/Retirement
 - Child Support
 - Unemployment Benefits
 - Workmen Compensation
 - Other Income (contributions, etc.)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS CONTD.

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- **Expenses and Other Documents:**
 - Medical expenses not covered by insurance (Disabled/Elderly Families Only)
 - Medical Insurance premiums (Disabled/Elderly Families Only)
 - Child Care Expenses (Children 12 and under)
 - Bank Statements

VOUCHER OBTAINED – WHAT TO EXPECT

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- During the initial scheduled appointment, the resident will receive a packet that contains:
 - Temporary Voucher
 - Estimate Sheet
 - Landlord Packet
- Upon receipt of the temporary voucher, resident has 120 days to obtain housing, otherwise the voucher will be forfeited.

TEMPORARY VOUCHER PACKET

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- Provides the resident with information and expiration date of voucher while locating suitable housing
- Estimate Sheet Indicates:
 - How much rent the Housing Authority will pay
 - How much rent the resident will pay
 - How many bedrooms the resident qualifies for
- Landlord Packet
 - Once a suitable housing has been located, the resident gives packet to landlord to complete.
 - Resident and landlord contact case manager to schedule an inspection of the unit

USEFUL HOUSING LINKS

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- <http://www.lahousingsearch.org/>
- <http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/step2.cfm?state=LA%2CLouisiana>
- <http://batonrouge.apartmentfinder.com/default.aspx>
- http://www.apartments.com/Region.aspx?page=region&state=LA&track_id=1801986208&partner=google&O_PK=apartments%20louisiana

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